

**REMARKS**

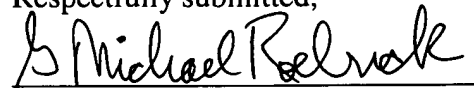
Claims 1-20 have been canceled. Claims 21-45 have been amended.

Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for these amendments to  
**Deposit Account 02-0429 (414-15493-USD1).**

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Michael Roebuck", is written over a horizontal line.

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